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► Satya and Grace from Flame Oz perform at the Halifax International Busker Festival on Thursday. The festival wraps up on Sunday.

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Aussies hot pick with the crowds

Flame Oz, the Australian performance troupe, won Metro's People's Choice Award at the 24th Halifax International Busker Festival for the second straight year. They were presented with the award prior to their afternoon performance on Thursday.

Climate

Planet in midsummer breakdown

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Your arm ready for bending?

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School zones a slow zone

- Double fine for speeding in school zones is \$680
- Crossing guard calls issue an ongoing problem
- Kids heading back to school on Sept. 2



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If children's safety isn't enough, hitting the wallet should get motorists to slow down in school zones.

With the start of the school year only a few weeks away, the province is handing out free roadside signs warning motorists to slow down or face a hefty fine.

"We're making them available to every municipality," said Bill Estabrooks, minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, as he brought out a sign in Prospect Thursday.

"They're free for the asking." He added double-the-fine signs are pretty effective.

"It's an attention grabber that fines double in school zones. That gets people's attention," he said.

Crossing guard and union representative Glenna Casavechia said speeding vehicles around school children is an ongoing problem, and not just in



► Glenna Casavechia and Transportation Minister Bill Estabrooks show off a warning sign.

September.

"For a number of years the cars are going too fast and the crossing guards are complaining," she said.

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MacIntosh loses bail application

► The complainants' identities are banned from publication

A man who is waiting to be sentenced after he was convicted of sexually molesting two boys in the 1970s was denied bail Thursday at Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax. Ernest Fenwick MacIntosh, 67, was found guilty last month on 13 charges of indecent assault and gross indecency.

Handcuffed and wearing a navy suit, MacIntosh was escorted Thursday by two sheriffs past a wall of TV cameras and reporters into the courtroom.

Details of the evidence presented during the bail hearing are banned from publication.

Brian Casey, MacIntosh's lawyer, told reporters following the decision he and his client were disappointed.

"He's sorry that this time is going to be spent (in custody)," he said.

Crown lawyer Mark Scott offered a different

take.

"We certainly took the view that between conviction and sentence, it would be extraordinary for this court to release a person pending sentence," Scott said outside court.

MacIntosh is scheduled to be sentenced on Sept. 14.

Both Casey and Scott said that MacIntosh can apply for bail again at that time.

The initial complainant against MacIntosh went to police in 1995, and the first charges were laid against him that year. The man testified at trial that MacIntosh had abused him upwards of 100 times.

A second complainant, a cousin of the first, said MacIntosh abused him about five times between the ages of 11 and 13.

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► Ernest Fenwick MacIntosh is escorted to a courtroom at the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal in Halifax on Thursday.

Timeline

- **Extradition** Ernest Fenwick MacIntosh was extradited from India in 2007 to face the charges, which date back 15 years.
- **Abuse** At MacIntosh's trial last month in Port Hawkesbury, the victims testified the abuse occurred in the former businessman's vehicles and other locations prior to 1974 when he lived in Cape Breton.
- **Appeal** MacIntosh is appealing the convictions at the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal.
- **March** The date for that appeal has been scheduled for March 22.
- **Defence** Lawyer Brian Casey filed the appeal on July 30.

Lakeside distribution centre to close in fall

Loblaws is closing a distribution centre in Lakeside where they employ 115 people.

It will shut down on Oct. 9.

"It really is about simplifying our distribution network and we need to reduce excess capacity that's in the Atlantic region," said company spokeswoman Julija Hunter.

There are two distribu-

6 The number of distribution centres currently in the Atlantic region. They serve 123 Loblaws stores.

tions in Lakeside and Loblaws is closing the smaller one on Dominion Crescent.

"This was a difficult decision. This is not a move that is a reflection of the management team or our

colleagues. We very much appreciate and thank our colleagues for their service," Hunter said.

She added there will be no changes to the other distribution centre in Lakeside.

The company is also looking into providing alternative employment within the company for those workers who will be laid off.

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CRIME

Series of break-ins spurs warning

Police are warning Bedford and Rockingham residents to lock up after a rash of break and enters.

Six residences in the Ridgevale, Eaglewood, Basinview and Rockingham subdivisions were broken into late at night on past weekends.

The homeowners were inside and asleep during the thefts.

The thieves stole purses and wallets as well as electronics.

Police say the thieves entered the various residences through unlocked doors or by removing screens on open windows.

While it is tempting to leave windows and doors open in homes during hot and humid weather, police advise locking doors and windows to prevent crimes of opportunity from occurring.

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Tory MLA lauds feds, bashes NDP

Cumberland North MLA Murray Scott is giving props to the federal government and taking another shot at the provincial NDP.

In a release issued on Thursday, the Tory justice critic said he was pleased to hear the federal Conservative government was investing \$17 million on upgrades to the federal prison in Springhill.

But Scott, an outspoken proponent of the NDP government's decision to close the provincial jail in Amherst and not build a new prison in the town, also took the province to task in the release.

"The (Darrell) Dexter government may have turned their backs on investing in Cumberland County, but the federal



Springhill

Upgrades set for completion in 2012.

Prison The upgrades to the Springhill prison will include two new housing units to handle 192 additional inmate spaces. The project is expected to be complete in 2012.

government sees the importance of the correctional facility in Springhill," he stated. **METRO HALIFAX**

BASEBALL

Brawl breaks out at little league game

Police were called after a brawl broke out Thursday between two baseball teams competing at a little league championship in Saint John, N.B.

Sgt. Pat Bonner of Saint John police said the brawl involved players — aged 15 and 16 years old — from Saint John and Valleyfield, Que.

Bonner said there had been tension between the two teams all week, and players from the team from Valleyfield

"It wasn't a fine moment for baseball."

NORAH SULLIVAN-O'TOOLE, A FAN FROM THE GAME.

were in the stands at Memorial Field heckling as Saint John played Edmonton.

After Saint John lost the game, he said the players from the Saint John team jumped a fence and the melee ensued.

"None of the parents or patrons were, of course, involved in this fight. It was between the two teams," he said.

Bonner said a woman in her 70s fell to the ground as a result of the "melee."

She was taken to hospital as a precaution. There were no arrests and no serious injuries.

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Two get Supreme Court job

Nova Scotia has a couple of new appointees to its highest courts.

Crown attorney Peter Rosinski has been named to the Supreme Court while Justice Peter Bryson moves to the Court of Appeal. Bryson, who was first appointed to the bench in 2009, replaces Justice Nancy Bateman who retired Aug. 4.

Rosinski, a senior Crown counsel since 2005, will fill the gap created by Bryson's move.

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RCMP ticket 32 for no seat belt use

It's been the law for years, but still many people don't click it.

At a morning checkpoint on Forest Hills Drive in Cole Harbour on Wednesday, RCMP officers stopped 725 vehicles and ticketed 32 people for not wearing seat belts.

At another checkpoint in the afternoon, 500 vehicles were checked and 21 people were ticketed.

The fine is \$167.21.

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Halifax Seaport Beerfest co-chairs Bruce Mansour, left, and Brian Titus pose for a photo on Thursday.

Beerfest to get arms bending

Beer, food — do we really need to say more? Fourth annual Seaport Beerfest offers beer from across Canada and world Organizers expect the largest turnout in event's history



Marginal Road will be hop-pin' — and barley-in' — on Friday and Saturday.

Tips

Unlike the movie of the same name, Beerfest is not a chugging competition or about getting plastered. The festival guide cautions:

- Go slow "Take your time. It's not a contest ... or a race. Relax. Enjoy. The sessions are three hours long for a reason."
- Food "Eat! Have a light meal before you go so you don't feel the effects early on."
- Hydrate "Stay hydrated ... you'll be glad you did in the morning."

Organizers of the fourth annual Seaport Beerfest expect thousands of arm-bending brew lovers to crowd Halifax's Seaport District for the occasion. "Last year we had 3,000, we're expecting 4,000 or 5,000 this year," said festival co-chair Bruce Mansour.

"The first year we had 750 people come out, and it's doubled every year."

Masour attributed the success of the event — which will feature more than 170 types of beer and cider from 70 producers — to an increase in interest for small, often local, brewers.

"The whole explosion around beer has really been phenomenal," he said.

"People seem to have



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wider palates, more diversified tastes and want to explore new things ... You've seen a proliferation of many brands."

This year's festival will also feature national beer connoisseur Mirella Amato. Amato, the founder of website and beer-tasting company Beerology, said Halifax has recently put itself on the map when it comes to locally crafted brew.

"From an Ontario perspective, certainly we've heard a lot of great things about Halifax," she said,

"Beerfest is very much a celebration of beer. We're trying to bring as much that's new and interesting to the table as possible."

BEERFEST CO-CHAIR AND GARRISON PRESIDENT BRIAN TITUS

citing Granite Brewery and Garrison.

"More recently, we've heard a lot about the Hart and Thistle and the various breweries here."

In addition to the suds, or rather to complement them, Scanway catering will be on hand to provide their own take on "street food." But with apple or curry glazed sausages and lobster tacos, it won't be your average cart fare.

Tickets will be on sale at the door at a cost of \$45 each.



► Jamie Baillie speaks at his Tory leadership campaign launch in this June file photo.

Final days for Tory leadership nominations

► Still only one name on Progressive Conservative leader ballot ► Party in a rebuilding phase: Batherson



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With only four days before nominations close, the Progressive Conservative leadership race still features only one horse.

Nominations close on Monday at 5 p.m., and as of Thursday, Credit Union Atlantic CEO Jamie Baillie is the only candidate.

Baillie does not currently hold a seat in the legislature, but with a byelection looming in Tory stronghold Cumberland South, that may not be the case for long.

Progressive Conservative president Rob Batherson said it is difficult to say

No seat

Party President Rob Batherson remembers what it meant for the Liberals to have an unelected party leader in Francis MacKenzie. But he doesn't think Baillie, if chosen, will face the same difficulties.

► History "I think if you look back in Nova Scotia history there have been examples

whether anyone else will throw their hat in the ring. "You just never know ... either we get an extra set of nomination papers and a cheque representing a \$25,000 deposit or we don't," he said. "We'll keep

of party leaders that, when they were elected, didn't have a seat in caucus," he said, citing Robert Stanfield and Gerald Reagan. "I think every circumstance is different, and I think you have to judge leadership candidates ... on the merit of the skills, abilities and experiences that they bring forward."

the office open and see who comes in."

Batherson said he doesn't think one name on the ballot signifies a lack of interest in the position, saying the party is in a rebuilding phase.

CONTRACT

Acadia agreement ratified

As university students start getting ready for the fall term, they won't need to worry about a strike at Acadia University.

The Wolfville university announced Thursday they ratified a new collective agreement with their staff that will last until 2014.

"With this new, long-term agreement in place, we can now focus our full attention on the upcoming academic year and Acadia's students, who will begin arriving in the next few weeks," said Ray Ivany, president and vice-chancellor of Acadia, in a statement. "We will be heading into the fall term with positive momentum and a new sense of confidence within our entire campus community."

Negotiations on this contract started back in May. ● METRO HALIFAX

Air show set for P.E.I. next year

The Atlantic International Air Show is flying out of province next year.

Three levels of government are kicking in \$80,000 for Summerside, P.E.I., to host the show.

Shearwater Airport, which hosts this year's show in September, used to be the show's permanent host, but in recent years organizers have rotated the venue.

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► Bags were nowhere to be found for three Americans at Halifax Stanfield Airport recently.

Baggage issues put damper on family reunion

► Luggage doesn't make it to Halifax with American visitors ► Flight from Chicago had been cancelled

A family reunion in Toney River was soured after three people spent the majority of their visit waiting for their luggage.

Jill Erickson flew from Wichita, Kansas, to Chicago last week where her United Airlines flight to Halifax was cancelled.

A spokesperson for United told a Chicago newspa-

per the cancellation was due to fog in Halifax.

Erickson was booked on to an Air Canada flight and she made it to Halifax, but her bags didn't.

"I bought one \$5 shirt when I came into Halifax and I borrowed a pair of shorts from my grandmother," she said on Thursday.

"I had the clothes on my

back. It wasn't appropriate, but at least somewhat OK."

Two other family members, Robert and Candace Simpson from Salt Lake City, had the same problem.

Erickson got her luggage on Wednesday, just in time for her return flight on Friday.

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Service to be held for pilot, presumed dead

A special service of remembrance is being held for a former Cape Breton man who has been missing since his plane disappeared from radar while approaching the Sydney Airport.

John Forgeron of Calgary said the service for his brother, Dennis Forgeron, will take place in Sydney on Friday night.

Forgeron said the service is celebrating an amazing person, a loved one who is missing.

This does not mean the family has given up hope, he said.

"We are acknowledging the facts are taking this in a direction that has to have us realizing the probability of finding him are very slim," he added. "How can we ever give up hope though?"

Stephen Forgeron, also



► Dennis Forgeron

a brother to Dennis, said the family would appreciate if the public remains vigilant.

"Please stay watchful, there might be something there to find."

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Missing Cessna

► Dennis Forgeron, 43, formerly of Sydney, and fellow pilot Ronald David Johnston, 57, of Calgary, were aboard an eight-seat Cessna 414 that disappeared late Thursday night last week about 15 kilometres off Dominion beach in the Atlantic Ocean.

► After more than 48 hours of intensive searching by the Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre based in Halifax, the rescue operation was turned into a recovery operation and turned over to the RCMP.

► RCMP spokesperson Brigdit Leger said there is no way of knowing how long the search will continue.

RCMP look for clues in stabbing

Police are asking for the public's help in gathering information about an incident in Pictou this week that left a man with a knife wound to the head. RCMP Const. Matt Perry said police are getting very little information from a man who was treated for a knife wound Tuesday.

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Safe stolen in store robbery

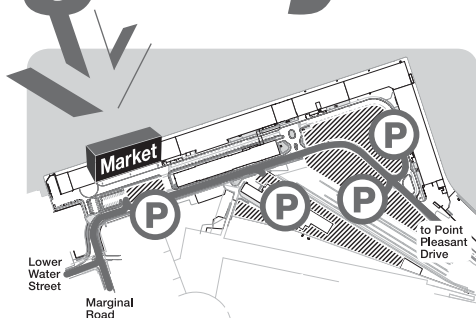
Police are looking for three suspects after an armed robbery late Wednesday night at a Sydney area tobacco store. Cape Breton Regional Police Service say two suspects entered the store wearing ski masks and carrying what appeared to be hammers, and stole the store safe. CAPE BRETON POST

Fawn rescued from sale

A fawn named Bella has been rescued and will eventually be returned to the wild after a person attempted to sell her on an Internet site for \$300. The Department of Natural Resources in the province heard about an advertisement for the deer on a website.

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▶ A firefighter is framed by massive flames from a forest fire near the village of Dolginino in Ryazan region, about 180 kilometres southeast of Moscow.

What's up with the weather?

- ▶ Climate change is already underway, scientists say
- ▶ 'No time to waste' as a science summit looms

Floods, fires, melting ice and feverish heat:

From smoke-choked Moscow to water-soaked Pakistan and the High Arctic, the planet is having a midsummer breakdown.

It's a sign of troubling climate change already under way, scientists say.

The weather-related cataclysms of July and August fit patterns predicted by climate scientists, says the Geneva-based World Meteorological Organization.

The experts see an urgent need for better ways to forecast extreme events

1,500

The number of Pakistanis killed in the heaviest monsoon rains on record that have sent rivers rampaging over huge swaths of countryside.

like Russia's heat wave and the record deluge devastating Pakistan.

They'll discuss such tools in meetings this month and next in Europe

and America, under United Nations, U.S. and British government sponsorship.

"There is no time to waste," because societies must be equipped to deal with global warming, says British government climatologist Peter Stott.

Scientists have long predicted that rising global temperatures would produce intense heatwaves.

Their grim outlook for the world: More frequent and more intense extreme weather events because of global warming.

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Slip-slidin' attendant was rude, women say

A flight attendant who made a now-notorious slide down a plane's emergency chute was rude to passengers.

That's the story from a pair of women aboard the JetBlue flight that ended dramatically in New York.

Marjorie Briskin, 53, claimed flight attendant Steven Slater blurted out an expletive during an otherwise normal conversation with a passenger over luggage just after the plane landed from Pittsburgh.

A young woman asked Slater which overhead bin her bag was in.

The conversation quickly turned nasty after Slater slung the expletive, Briskin said.



"I didn't think she was rude in the least," said Briskin. "It really blew my mind."

Lauren Dominijanni, 25, said Slater was rude to her after she boarded the plane in Pittsburgh.

She said he "rolled his eyes at me" when she asked for a wipe to clean up coffee someone spilled on her seat.

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Who is he?

Slater is free on bail after being arraigned on criminal mischief and reckless endangerment charges.

1 His boyfriend, Kenneth Rochelle, said he was 'at home relaxing.'

2 Rochelle called him a 'lovely, classy, beautiful person' who in the past had been very patient with passengers having a bad day.

3 Slater's ex-wife, Cynthia Susanne, called him a consummate flight attendant. They have a son together.

Rain boosts misery of landslides

Rain caused new landslides and swelled rivers Thursday in the northwestern China region where hundreds have died in massive slides triggered by flooding.

A deluge triggered mudslides that swept away six houses in Xizangba village, blocked a river near Libazi village, and obstructed a road used to ferry relief goods, said officials in Gansu province.

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Gaza-raid probe sets new date

Initial discussions by a U.N. panel probing Israel's deadly raid on a Gaza-bound aid flotilla took place "in a positive atmosphere" and more talks will be held in early September, the United Nations said Thursday.

The international panel held "substantive discussions" on the May 31 incident that killed eight Turkish activists and a Turkish American.

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Alberta warns of superbug

Doctors in Alberta are warning people there are risks involved in travelling to foreign lands to get medical help.

A prime example is new antibiotic-resistant bacteria emerging in southern Asia.

The province has confirmed it had one case of the superbug NDM-1 back in the spring. The patient had been in hospital in India.

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News in brief



Iran forced her confession?

TEHRAN. A lawyer for an Iranian woman who faced death by stoning for adultery said Thursday he suspects she was tortured into confessing she was an unwitting accomplice to her husband's murder.

Iranian state television broadcast the purported confession of Sakineh Mohammadi Ashtiani, 43, in an apparent attempt to deflect criticism of her case.

Iran last month lifted the stoning sentence after international outrage.

Iran says Ashtiani has also been convicted of involvement in the murder

of her husband. She could still be executed by hanging.

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Prez has blood on his hands?

PARAMARIBO. A former coup leader, convicted drug trafficker and accused murderer was sworn in as Suriname's president Thursday.

Desi Bouterse is on trial for his alleged role in an abduction and the summary execution of suspected enemies of the military regime.

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WikiLeaks' leak blasted

LONDON. WikiLeaks' Julian Assange warned Thursday his organization is preparing to release the rest of the secret Afghan war documents it has on file.

The Pentagon warned that would risk more lives than the organization's initial release of some 76,000 war documents.

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U.S. Marines sail in to ease flood agony

► More rain falls in Pakistan, UN warns dams could burst ► Prime minister begs world to help overcome one of the worst natural disasters

A shipload of U.S. Marines and helicopters arrived to boost relief efforts in flooded Pakistan on Thursday.

But Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani said his country needs more international help to cope with one of the worst natural disasters in its history.

The United Nations warned the crisis is far from over, saying dams in Sindh province could still burst in the coming days.

More rain fell around the country, and monsoon season is forecast to last several weeks still.

The government has been sharply criticized for a slow and patchy response to the floods, which have killed 1,500 people left and left an estimated 7 million people needing emergency assis-



► Flood-affected people struggle for relief items distributed in a camp in Nowshera, Pakistan on Thursday.

tance, their homes destroyed, damaged or inundated with muddy water and unlivable.

President Asif Ali Zardari — whose decision to go ahead with a trip to Europe was condemned by

many — made his first visit to victims of the disaster on Thursday.

The USS Peleliu arrived off the coast near Karachi on Thursday along with helicopters and about 1,000 Marines.

The helicopters will fly to flood-hit areas and rescue stranded people and deliver food and supplies.

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Williams fires at Que. for interference

Two governments in Atlantic Canada scolded Premier Jean Charest on Thursday for interfering in their energy plans, with Premier Danny Williams accusing Quebec of showing "unmitigated gall" by objecting to its financing application for a subsea

transmission line for power from Labrador.

Newfoundland and Labrador and Nova Scotia are trying to get funding for a subsea cable to ship surplus power from Labrador across the Gulf of St. Lawrence to Cape Breton. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

Brazil's debt to aid rainforest

BRASILIA, BRAZIL. Brazil and the U.S. have signed an agreement converting \$21 million in debt owed by the Latin American nation into funds to help conserve three ecosystems.

Officials signed the agreement in Brasilia Thursday.

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Hydro Quebec to power Vermont

BURLINGTON, VT. Vermont's two largest utilities announced details of a new long-term power-purchase contract Thursday with Hydro Quebec.

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Death in Ignatieff's circle

OTTAWA. There's a gaping hole in Michael Ignatieff's inner circle following the sudden death of his communications director. Mario Lague was involved in a deadly collision Thursday on route to work.

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Khadr shot in back: Soldier

- Faces a life sentence, if convicted
- Jurors saw video of him making IEDs

Seconds after storming an Afghan compound on a blistering July day, a special operations soldier killed a man with a single shot to the head, then shot a second man twice in the back.

The second man, who had been sitting with his back to the soldier leaning against some rubble in an alley, was a 15-year-old Canadian, Omar Khadr.

The testimony at Khadr's war-crimes trial

"This is someone who is in the control of the United States army and he is scared to death."

LT. COL. JON JACKSON, THE PENTAGON-APPOINTED LAWYER

came Thursday from Sgt.-Maj. D, who testified that a hand grenade tossed from the same alley had moments earlier sailed over his head and exploded behind him.

A piece of shrapnel from that grenade hit U.S. special forces Sgt. Chris Speer in the head.

Speer was not wearing a helmet.

He then spotted the unarmed Khadr, he said, pointing to a large model of the compound in the courtroom.

"I engaged that person with two rounds in the back."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Five charges

Khadr was charged with murder in violation of the law of war for allegedly throwing a fatal grenade.

- A prosecutor told the jury Khadr was a trained al-Qaida terrorist who bragged about killing Americans.
- The defence portrayed him as a frightened, wounded child caught up in a deadly situation.

Summer. Cruisin'



► A Shih-tzu dog named Cookie stands in a basket to head to a morning market in Bangkok Thursday.

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How much is that doggy?

BMO tells governments to continue stimulus

The global recovery is so fragile that many industrialized countries may need more government stimulus rather than an exit strategy to reign in deficits, the Bank of Montreal said Thursday.

In the wake of a week of negative economic news all pointing to a stalling recovery, the bank says many economies, and particularly the United States, should put fiscal restraint on the back burner for now.

Even in Canada, where the situation is not as dire, governments should not halt stimulus spending, the bank says.

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Slow recovery

BMO deputy chief economist said he is not predicting a double-dip recession, although he is not ruling it out either.

- **No growth.** After a strong initial rebound from recession beginning last fall, both the U.S. and Canadian economies have slowed sharply. Europe, as a whole, has shown almost no growth.
- **Increased deficits.** Last Friday, Canada and the U.S. reported a retreat from employment gains, and on Wednesday, both said their trade deficits ballooned in June.
- **Jobless rate increases.** The weakness appears to be more evident by the day. The U.S. said Thursday initial jobless claims rose to the highest level since February last week to 484,000.

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MIGRANT SHIP

Navy boards boat of Tamils

The Canadian navy boarded a cargo ship off British Columbia carrying hundreds of migrants believed to be Tamils from Sri Lanka on Thursday. Some of the migrants may include dozens of children, says a lawyer

who has heard from the migrants' families. "There's a large number of children, children under 13," said Lorne Waldman, who represented some of the Sri Lankan migrants that arrived in a similar way last October.

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews immediately labelled some of the 490 passengers on the ship "human smugglers and terrorists," although he didn't elaborate, instead using the ship's arrival to promise swift action from Ottawa.

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Same-sex marriages on hold in California

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► An opponent of gay marriage protests outside San Francisco's city hall Thursday.

Judge who struck down law extends ban until at least Aug. 18

A U.S. federal judge on Thursday put gay marriages on hold for at least another six days in California, raising hopes among same-sex couples that they soon will be able to tie the knot after years of agonizing delays.

Judge Vaughn Walker gave opponents of same-sex weddings until Aug. 18 at 5 p.m. to get a ruling from the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on whether gay marriage should resume. Gay marriages could happen at that point or be put off indefinitely, depending on how the court rules.

Walker struck down the state's voter-approved gay marriage ban last week in a case many believe is destined for the U.S. Supreme Court. In his original ruling, Walker moved to suspend gay weddings until he

"It's sad we have to wait a little longer, but it's been six years."

TERESA ROWE, WHO IS PLANNING TO MARRY PARTNER KRISTIN ORBIN

could consider arguments from both sides on whether the marriages should be allowed during an appeal of his ruling. He now says gay marriage should resume, but he gave conservatives the extra time to get the appeals court to weigh in.

California voters passed Proposition 8 as a state constitutional amendment in November 2008, five months after the California Supreme Court legalized same-sex unions and an estimated 18,000 same-sex couples had already tied the knot.

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Stabbing suspect arrested

A suspect in a string of 18 stabbings in three states that left five dead was arrested at an Atlanta airport gate as he tried to board a plane for Israel, officials said Thursday. A judge in Michigan, where the attacks began in May, signed a warrant charging Elias Abuelazam, 33, with assault with intent to murder.

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Report: 255 killed in 18 months

The Lord's Resistance Army — one of Africa's most vicious rebel groups — has killed at least 255 people over the past 18 months in a largely unreported campaign of abductions and massacres in Congo and the Central African Republic, Human Rights Watch said in a report sent to journalists Thursday.

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N. Korea offers to repay in ginseng

North Korea has offered a unique way to repay nearly \$10 million in Cold War-era debt — with ginseng, according to Czech officials.

The Czech Finance Ministry said it has been negotiating ways for the impoverished Asian nation

to pay back \$9.8 million US from the 1980s, when Czechoslovakia was part of the communist bloc.

The Czechs had suggested the North Koreans pay in goods, and North Korea proposed sending products made of ginseng.

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News in brief

Pol quits over Palin crack

NEW HAMPSHIRE. A Democrat has quit the state legislature after cracking a joke on Facebook about the death of Sarah Palin, the Republican Party's former vice-presidential candidate. Rep. Timothy Horrigan posted a comment Wednesday that a "dead Palin wd be even more dangerous than a live one" and she "is all about her myth & if she was dead she cdn't commit any more gaffes."

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Qur'an burning condemned

EGYPT. The world's top Sunni Muslim institution of learning has condemned a Florida church's plan to host a Qur'an-burning ceremony on Sept. 11. Al-Azhar's Supreme Council in Egypt accused the Dove World Outreach Centre of "stirring up hate and discrimination" and called on other American churches to condemn the event.

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► In this file photo taken in 2008, a female orangutan named Beki eats bananas at Tanjung Puting National Park on Borneo island, Indonesia. When British naturalist Alfred Russel Wallace arrived in Borneo's jungles 150 years ago, one of his great hopes was to see orangutans.

Spotting red apes getting harder: Report

► There are only an estimated 50,000 orangutans left in the wild ► All living in small, scattered populations

When British naturalist Alfred Russel Wallace arrived in Borneo's jungles 150 years ago, one of his great hopes was to see orangutans. Even he was surprised at his success, spotting the red apes feeding along river banks, swinging between branches, and staring down from trees almost the moment he arrived.

He saw 29 — shooting more than half of them and sending their skins and skeletons back home — in just 100 days, an experience shared by many other adventurers and col-

"Scientists have learned about orangutans by studying them under present-day conditions and densities."

ERIK MEIJAARD

lectors during the same period. "Whereas some early explorers would see as many as eight orangutans in one tree or encounter 35 along a river in one day, spotting even one in the wild in the same undisturbed forests is now rare,"

said Erik Meijaard, one of the authors of a study published Wednesday in PLoS One, a journal of the Public Library of Science.

"This prompted us to ask if these notoriously solitary apes once lived in much higher densities," said Meijaard. "We believe hunting may have caused a change in behaviour, causing them to be less social."

The scientists measured the density of orangutan populations now compared with assumed densities in past.

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Canadians are missing out on generous RESPs

► Matching grants can build savings faster ► Process can be confusing ► More awareness needed

Registered Education Savings Plans, or RESPs, can help a family sock away thousands of dollars toward post-secondary education, but a big lack of awareness has meant few Canadians take advantage of the savings vehicles.

Canadian RESPs were ranked among the most generous savings plans in the world in a 2007 study by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. But the program is only being used to a fraction of its potential, said Rock Lefebvre, vice-president of research and standards at the Certi-

Grants

Among the government matching grants available for RESPs:

- **CESG** The Canada Education Savings Grant, or CESG, provides 20 cents on every contributed dollar up to a maximum of \$500 annually.
- **CLB** The Canada Learning Bond (for low-income families). This gives families an initial \$500 contribution towards their child's RESP, with a further \$100 annually.

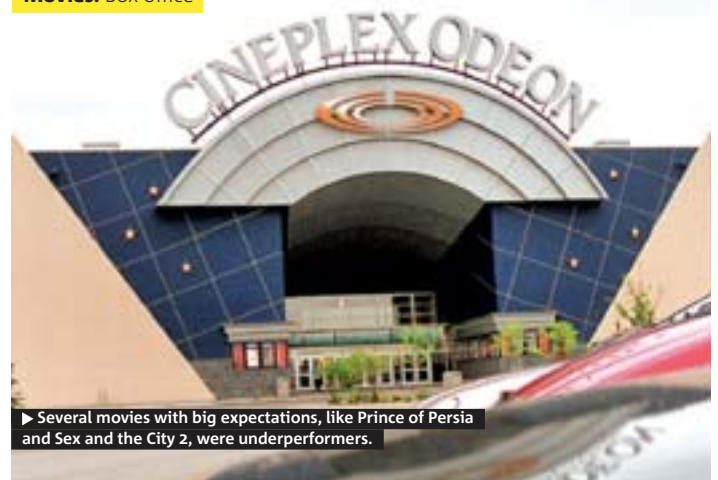
fied General Accountants Association of Canada.

The basic concept behind an RESP is simple enough. Anyone can go to a bank and open an RESP for a child beginning as soon as the child is born.

The money can be put in an investment vehicle of the family's choice and the government will then match a portion of the contributions, depending on the family's income level. However, Lefebvre said, it's often difficult for low-income families to figure out which grants they qualify for.

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Movies. Box office



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► Several movies with big expectations, like *Prince of Persia* and *Sex and the City 2*, were underperformers.





Cineplex suffers summer flops

A string of early summer box-office flops put the squeeze on second-quarter profits at movie exhibitor Cineplex Galaxy Income Fund. The operator of Canada's largest theatre chain said Thursday that its profits slipped 12.5 per cent to \$17.4 million, down from \$19.9 million a year ago.

BlackBerry block looms in India

India's Home Ministry threatened Thursday to block BlackBerry corporate e-mail and messaging services unless the device's manufacturer, Research In Motion Ltd., makes them accessible to its security agencies by Aug. 31. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Canadian Tire posts Q2 profits

Canadian Tire Corp. says its second-quarter profits rose 15.6 per cent, helped by a recovery in its credit card business.

Operating revenue improved slightly, rising 3.8 per cent to \$2.41 billion.

The company's financial services division posted a 30 per cent rise in earnings before income taxes to \$55 million.

However, retail sales at its Canadian Tire stores rose at a weaker pace, up 2.5 per cent to \$2.86 billion. The company's president and CEO says the company's retail performance showed growth across all of its key categories.

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\$119.9M is the profit Canadian Tire posted this quarter. The retailer says quarterly profits are up from \$103.7 million at the same time last year.

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Heard on a bus: "When two people exchange goods and money, one wins and the other loses. Otherwise, there would be no profit."

This reasoning is more common than we might think. And sometimes justifies the hostility to commerce, or free trade. After all, if capitalist pigs profit, the poor suffer, right?

Wrong.

The other day, I paid \$2 for a bottle of juice. When the clerk said, "Thank

you," I responded, "Thank you." This is more than just a social oddity. There's an economics lesson behind this weird double thank-you moment.

Why does it happen? Because I want the juice more than the bucks, and the store wants the bucks more than the juice. Both of us win.

Two people trade because each wants what the other has more than what he already has. (Remember trading hockey cards?) If one gained and the other lost, the loser wouldn't trade.

We experience the double thank-you moment each time we hit the checkout line in a clothing store, or leave a restaurant, says journalist John Stossel, who coined the "double thank-you moment" phrase.

Trade is win-win — even if you're buying from someone in another country. Exports and imports

exist only because of political borders.

"Two people trade because each wants what the other has more than what he already has."

But borders are either accidents of history or the results of politicians' arbitrary decisions. Do you know if Toronto runs a trade deficit with Hamilton? No. Because nobody cares.

There are no imports and exports. There's only what you make and what everyone else makes. Protectionism — taxing foreign goods — is just a tool for politicians to protect their business buddies by preventing us from trading with someone (a foreigner) who offers us a

better deal.

As economist Sheldon Richman points out, in trade matters — as in so much else — two words mislead us: "we" and "them." We do not trade with *them*. Canada does not trade with Japan, or Mexico, or any other group. I trade with you. You trade with me. Smith trades with Nguyen. Individuals trade with individuals.

If the economy continues to tank, governments will be sorely tempted to block foreign products by taxing them. That would be a mistake.

When left free, people trade across borders naturally. Buyers and sellers both benefit.

"Thank you." "Thank you."

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► Mirella Amato.

5 MINUTES WITH: MIRELLA AMATO

Halifax is home to many an arm-bender, and it will play host to a very special one this weekend for Halifax Sea-Port Beerfest. Mirella Amato was Canada's first certified beer judge. Metro caught up with her as she prepares for the two-day event.

What do you think it means for the beer scene in Halifax to have this kind of festival? I think it's important. I think there are a lot of amazing craft beers being produced here and in the neighbouring province and for (the organizers) to gather them all together, as well as beers from On-

tario and Quebec ... it draws more attention to craft beer, it gets people excited, it allows people to experience more. And have fun with beer, understand beer better, it's just a great thing they're doing.

What do you think is behind the increased interest in craft beers? Well initially the changing of some laws. The craft beer industry in Canada is not that old. Our first craft brewery was 1982, opened by a man by the name of John Mitchell in B.C. He had to have laws changed,

"It draws more attention to craft beer, it gets people excited, it allows people to ... have fun."

both on a local and a federal level, to obtain a permit to brew. He kicked the door open and I think the more people discover beer with the craft beer coming out of the U.S. and the beer out of Europe, suddenly the opportunity was there, it's just taking a little while to build up momentum.

If you had to pin down one beer in Halifax that you're most excited to taste, what would it be?

My favourite beer to taste is always the one I've never heard of. That's my general rule ... I'm really looking forward to sample the beer that I haven't had.

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best scientific advice to mobilize the economy toward drastically reducing carbon burning.

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Three days to play

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE SUMMERTIME BEVERAGE?



Sarah Gallant
22, BEDFORD

My favourite summer beverage is probably Raspberry Apple Lemonade from Pet's. It's sour but sweet at the same time and it's cold and refreshing.



Josh Pellerine
22, HALIFAX

Favourite summer drink would have to be Keith's. Pint for sure. Nothing better, cold, crisp, clear, it's great. Nothing beats the heat better.



► Jennifer Aniston and Thomas Robinson star in *The Switch*.

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scene

She said



"Pretty much everything was an awkward scene to film in (*The Disappearance of Alice Creed*) but that scene was bonkers, actually."

GEMMA ARTERTON ABOUT HER NUDE FIGHT SCENE IN *THE DISAPPEARANCE OF ALICE CREED*



So You Think You Can Dance tour to come calling soon

Aniston, Bateman play the odd couple

► Twist of (sperm donation) fate turns best friends into unconventional parents in romantic comedy *The Switch* ► 'Progressive' script attracted *Friends* star to role



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The Switch isn't your average romantic comedy. It's about single woman (Jennifer Aniston) who seeks out a sperm donor rather than waiting for Mr. Right.

Then her best friend (Jason Bateman) accidentally spills the sample and replaces it himself, making

them unconventional parents who fall for each other later. Not exactly a plot that could have been recycled from a 1960s rom-com.

"That's why the script jumped out at me immediately," Jennifer Aniston told Metro. "I know many women who have gone through the struggles, heartbreaks and frustrations of fertility. So this is about something very

timely and progressive. Plus it also has a love story woven through it that I think is beautiful."

Just when Aniston's observation threatened to make the conversation serious, co-star Jason Bateman jumped in to remind us that it's a comedy.

"I think that we should charge more for that movie than just \$10 now," joked the actor. "That sounds like

a full package."

That combination of insightful sentiment with sarcastic belly laughs encapsulates the movie as well as the relationship between the two leads.

The former *Friends* star signed on to the project because as she, "looks for stories that are true to life and relatable," while Bateman responded to the material because it allowed

him to explore the awkward and victimized male comedic lead that he's toyed with since *Arrested Development*.

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► Jerry O'Connell stars in Piranha 3D, which is coming out next week.

Flesh-eating fish ready to attack

- Piranha 3D stars a mutated form of the killer fish
- Prehistoric creatures bigger, nastier and uglier



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With a movie like Piranha 3D, it's pretty safe to assume you know what you're going to get.

In fact, if there were any doubt, director Alexandre Aja recently described the film as a mix between Gremlins, Weird Science and Dead Alive. "It is funny," exclaimed star Jessica Szohr (TV's Gossip Girl) from Manhattan. "I think you'll laugh, you'll be very scared and entertained — it's a scary, funny, summer popcorn movie."

Even the studio's marketing department has picked up on Piranha 3D's potential as a fun summer movie. The film's poster fittingly pays homage to Steven Spielberg's classic Jaws but while that 1975 thriller featured a menacing shark, Piranha 3D stars a mutated form of nasty omnivorous freshwater fish.

"(The filmmakers) based it off a prehistoric piranha so it's not like your modern-day piranha and they kind of decided to make it look like what they thought a prehistoric one would look

"It was ridiculously warm ... so we were basically in and out of the lake in between different scenes ... that's what was awesome about working on a lake because that's the only way we were staying cool."

JESSICA SZOHR ON FILMING IN LAKE HAVASU, ARIZ.

like," said Szohr. Indeed, the species in the thriller is definitely bigger, uglier and much nastier — especially in 3-D. "It'll be fun (to see) with the piranhas popping out at you and all the craziness that goes on."

Presumably, Hollywood will be banking on flesh-eating fish to have the same effect Jaws had on audiences more than 30 years ago — fear of the

water. Even more than three-dimensional seafood, that natural phobia may be the true potency of Piranha 3D.

"We don't know what's going on (underwater). You can't see and you can only go under for so long if you want to check out what's going on. It's just a whole mystery of what is there," said Szohr with a dramatic pause. "... Or what's not."

Big Fish

Other Famous Frightening Fish:

► **Creature from the Black Lagoon** — In 1954, audiences were terrorized by the menacing (but misunderstood) Amazon Gill Monster ... in 3-D no less!

► **Jaws** — Spielberg's 1975 magnum opus about a shark terrorizing Amity

Island set the bar for the rest to follow.

► **Piranha** — Directed by Joe Dante (Gremlins), the 1978 nail-biter was the loose basis for Piranha 3D.

► **The Host** — Shattering box office records in South Korea, this 2006 thriller starred a giant monster with tentacles stalking from the Han River.

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Eat Pray Love

Genre: Drama

Director: Ryan Murphy

Stars: Julia Roberts

There's a lot wrong with the film adaptation of best-seller Eat Pray Love.

It's a completely self-indulgent exploration of upper-middle-class dissatisfaction, it condescends to native cultures and eastern spirituality and it never adequately identifies just what problems protagonist Liz Gilbert (Julia Roberts) is struggling with. But none of that is the fault of Roberts or director and co-writer Ryan Murphy.

The movie is well-shot, with sumptuous visuals and exciting camera work, and Roberts does her best to make Gilbert likeable or at least relateable. No, the real problems are with the source material.

The story goes that Gilbert walks away from her flighty husband (Billy Crudup) because of an undefined sense of lack,



shacks up with an actor (James Franco) and then ditches him, hijacking his obnoxious affinity for an Indian guru and taking off on a year-long journey of self-discovery and indulgence. Along the way, she learns it's OK to enjoy eating in Rome, smiles and nods at a young woman forced into an arranged marriage in India and tries to resist the charms of an older Brazilian man (Javier

Bardem) in Bali while basically using the locals as fashionable accessories.

About the only thing Murphy can be blamed for is the running time. The movie clocks in at a leisurely 140 minutes, and there's really no excuse for that. In each of the three locations, there are points where the story lags. It's basically almost two and a half hours of "but I've never been to me." **— NED EHRBAR**



Scott Pilgrim vs. The World

Genre: Action/Romance

Director: Edgar Wright

Stars: Michael Cera

Scott Pilgrim Vs The World is best described as a hyperkinetic loveletter to eight-bit gaming, indie rock, young love, kung fu movies, Toronto and...ok, maybe it's hard to describe.

Based on the graphic novel by Bryan Lee O'Malley, the film is a pop culture-soaked romantic comedy about a boy who falls for a girl and must de-

feat her seven evil exes through increasingly hilarious and ludicrous fight sequences to win her heart. Director Edgar Wright (Hot Fuzz) was assigned to bring the comic to the big screen and anyone whose seen his previous movies knows that he has an ADD sense of pacing and visual storytelling that makes him perfect for the material.

For the most part this is style over substance entertainment. Fortunately, that style is exquisitely executed, so it doesn't really matter. **— PHIL BROWN**



The Expendables

Genre: Action

Director: Sylvester Stallone

Stars: Sylvester Stallone, Jet Li, Jason Statham

More kitschy than captivating, The Expendables is Sly Stallone's latest foray into mining his glory years for success in contemporary Hollywood. And why not? After all, his last two outings – Rocky Balboa and Rambo – have seen the sexagenarian accumulating his biggest numbers at the box office in years. This time around, he avoids reviving a

dead franchise (what was left anyhow? Stop! Or My Mom Will Shoot 2?). Instead, Stallone fuses together the likes of seasoned '80s action stars like Dolph Lundgren and Bruce Willis with today's top draws (including Jet Li and Jason Statham) to form a band of mercenaries hired to bring down a South American dictatorship. For audiences who have kept a special place in their heart for old style shoot 'em ups and the likes of Lundgren, The Expendables is a guilty delight. **— STEVE GOW**

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This summer has turned into the summer of the former junkie confessional autobiography.

First up was Dave Mustaine, a founding member of Metallica and since 1983, the leader of Megadeth. His book, *Mustaine: A Heavy Metal Memoir* (HarperCollins), contains so many tales of alcohol and drug abuse that you're almost guaranteed to wake up the next morning with a hangover and a bad case of opiate withdrawal.

Mustaine knows rehab because he's been through it 17 times. "You go in there, get sobered up but there was no really giving you the tools to cope with stuff. It's like sobering up a drunken horse thief. As soon as he sobers up, what have you got? A horse thief." Dave's spiral to near-death was rooted largely in unresolved emotional pain that went back decades.



► Dave Mustaine of Megadeth performs on stage last year in Sydney, Australia.

The most frightening rehab episode involved falling asleep in an awkward position in a chair. When he woke up, his left arm was asleep and wouldn't wake up. Doctors said he'd never play guitar

again.

"There's a little nerve on the inside of my bicep on my left arm. It's about 4 millimetres around and it got crunched like when you chew on a drinking straw. It needed to grow

back and it grows at a millimeter per month. Then there was the physical therapy that followed that: 13 months of picking up needles with some tweezers and sticking them into a pegboard and turning a

doorknob. It was 17 months before I could pick up a guitar again.

"When you're a guitar player and you have that taken away from you, it's devastating. It was *THIS HAND*," he says gesturing with what he calls "the moneymaker."

This incident — and Mustaine's ability to recover — convinced him that perhaps a higher power was showing him the error of his ways and that he could reform his ways. That's when the wannabe Satanist and part-time practitioner of black magic embraced Christianity.

"If anyone needed to have a life-changing event take place, it was me. I didn't realize that God was all I needed until He was all I had."

Mustaine is a fascinating look into the darker sides of being a famous metal musician. Recommended.

Next week: Steven Adler, the guy who was thrown out of Guns 'N Roses for taking too many drugs.

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Halifax Seaport Beerfest: If you love beer, this is an event not to be missed. About 4,000 people are expected to take part over two days, with over 160 beers and ciders from across Canada and the world available to sample. Visit seaportbeerfest.com. When: Friday and Saturday. Where: Halifax Seaport.

Shakespeare by the Sea: A summertime theatrical event continues this weekend with performances of *Treasure Island*, *Julius Caesar* and *Twelfth Night*. Go to shakespearebythesea.ca for complete details, including showtimes. When: Through Sunday.

Where: Point Pleasant Park.

Halifax Summer Opera Workshop: This nine-day workshop comes to a close with performances of *Susannah* on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and *Alcina* on Saturday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for senior and students. When: Friday and Saturday. Where: Sir James Dunn Theatre.

Summer Concert Series: What better way to enjoy a relaxing Sunday afternoon than sitting at one of the city's most beautiful places and enjoying great local entertainment. Concerts are free. When: Sunday, 2 to 4 p.m. Where: Public Gardens.

Nova Scotia Tennis Open: Many of the best tennis players in the province are taking the court this weekend for provincial bragging rights. All finals go throughout the day on Saturday, including the marquee open men and open women divisions. When: Friday and Saturday. Where: Waegwoltic Tennis Club.

Bar attack injury forces Sum 41 to cancel dates

Sum 41 has withdrawn from five remaining Warped Tour dates due to an injury singer Deryck Whibley sustained after being attacked in a bar in Japan.

The Ajax, Ont., pop-punkers announced on their website they'll be unable to play five August dates in California, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

Whibley was allegedly attacked by three assailants last week in what the band is calling a "random, unprovoked incident."

The 30-year-old Whibley was hospitalized and tests revealed he had aggravated a slipped disc injury he sustained in 2007, the band said.

Sum 41 took the stage anyway for the Summer Sonic festival in Osaka, Japan after the attack.

But the band said it was forced to cancel the remaining Warped dates because Whibley's condition has not improved.

"Knowing that they are unable to deliver their sig-



► Deryck Whibley.

"Being a part of the Warped Tour this summer meant a lot to us"

STEVE JOCC, SUM 41 DRUMMER

nature high-energy show, Sum 41 made the tough decision that a break is needed while Deryck begins rehabilitation for the slipped disc," the band posted on its website.

"Being a part of the Warped Tour this summer meant a lot to us," drummer Steve Jocz posted on the band's site.

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The new film *Scott Pilgrim vs. The World* begins with a title card that reads "Not so long ago in the mysterious land of Toronto, Canada." It establishes that the

movie is set in Toronto, but not the Toronto we usually see in films. That Toronto often subs for New York or Chicago.

The Toronto of *Scott Pilgrim* comes complete with Casa Loma, Lee's Palace and other T-Dot landmarks. It's probably

the most expensive movie to feature Toronto as itself, but it's not the only one. Here's a look back at Toronto on-screen:

Lawyerin' and doctorin' jobs!

For many people the first on-screen glimpse of Toronto onscreen came from the backseat of a 1960 Chevrolet Impala. *Goin' Down the Road*, the story of Pete (Doug McGrath) and his pal Joey (Paul Bradley), two Maritimers who set out in a Chevy to find a better life in Toronto, (SCTV joked they were looking for "lawyerin' and doctorin' jobs") is a city time capsule circa 1970.

Look for great shots of Yonge Street attractions including the classic Sam the Record Man spinning double disc neon sign. The signs are gone now, making their last appearance in the 2008 film *The Incredible Hulk*.

Long live the new flesh!

Although David Cronenberg has made more than a dozen films in T.O. and says "I love shooting in Toronto," film critic Geoff



► The Canadian classic *Goin' Down the Road* is a Toronto time capsule circa 1970.

Pevere says "Toronto had never seemed weirder" than in the director's epic *Videodrome*.

The story of a sleazy UHF television station programmer who becomes spellbound by the hallucinatory power of porn movies, is set in Toronto and not only used many of the city's locations, but its unique references as well. Civic TV allegedly refers to CityTV,

who, in their early days used to air soft-core pornography late at night.

Yonge and Dundas and Beyond

For a look at the down-and-dirty Yonge Street Strip, once the body rub capital of Canada, check out Ron Mann's 1974 Super-8 documentary *The Strip*. On the other end of the scale is Atom Egoyan's

Chloe, the story of a Toronto escort and the woman who hires her to test her husband's fidelity. Toronto has never looked lovelier than this. "At the level of metaphor, it's interesting because Toronto is a prostitute. As a city, very often it pretends to be New York or Chicago or San Francisco," Egoyan said. "So it's interesting that since this is a film about that."

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Parenting experts back Team Aniston

► The Switch actress gets support for comments about single motherhood, claiming O'Reilly is "out of touch"

Bill O'Reilly may still be squawking about how Jennifer Aniston is "destructive to society," because her new movie, *The Switch*, sends the message to kids that a woman doesn't need a man to have a baby. But parenting experts weighing in on the media squabble are firmly Team Aniston, saying the host of FOX News' *The O'Reilly Factor* is out of touch with modern society.

"It's unrealistic and not in touch with how family is changing," social psychologist Susan Newman, author of *Parenting an Only Child*, tells gossip website PopEater.

"The traditional family

that we have always known as mom, dad and two kids is no longer the traditional family."

The Conservative blowhard flipped out over comments made by the 41-year-old actress while promoting her film, where she plays a woman who decides to conceive by using a sperm donor and artificial insemination.

Said Aniston: "Women are realizing more and more that you don't have to settle, they don't have to fiddle with a man to have that child. They are realizing if it's that time in their life and they want this part they can do it with or without that."

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► Aniston, or as she's known around the FOX studios, the fourth horsewoman of the Apocalypse.

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Talking points

Grammer's new lady friend is knocked up, dad says

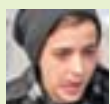
AND KELSEY HAS NOW BEEN INDUCTED INTO THE GOLD DIGGERS' HALL OF FAME UNDER 'EASIEST TARGET'. Kelsey Grammer may have been trying to keep news of his alleged new girlfriend, British flight attendant Kayte Walsh, under wraps, but Walsh's dad has other ideas, telling the press that not only are they together but Walsh is also pregnant with Grammer's fifth child, according to *Hollyscoop*. "I don't know how long they have been together and I have not met him yet, but I'm looking forward to it," her dad, Alan Walsh, says. "We just found out about her pregnancy a couple of days ago. I think they met in New York socially because she works for Virgin Airways and often stops over in America."

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Sounds like you picked a real winner this time, Kelsey!

Celebrity tweets



Samantha Ronson
[@samantharonson]

The only bummer about being a "grown up" is.... trying to organize a trip to Disneyland isn't all that easy.



Eliza Dushku
[@eliza-dushku]

I've been asleep nonstop. Holy jetlag. Fells like I'm on a bottle of q.ludes everytime I open my ojos...



Adam Levine
[@adam-levine]

Chefs have replaced DJs as the thing that everyone suddenly thinks they are...



John Mayer
[@johnmayer]

True story: I get wasted and order products from Knife Show for my friends. Tony gets a \$35.00 katana blade. Item no. CCN-10100.

'Surprise' pregnancy for Alanis

Alanis Morissette says news of her pregnancy came as a surprise.

The Ottawa singer appeared on the late-night chat show *Chelsea Lately* on Wednesday night, just

hours after she announced that she and rapper husband MC Souleye are expecting.

Morissette, wearing a black suit and heels, told host Chelsea Handler that

she didn't realize she was pregnant when she went to the doctor.

"Is that normal?" And I said, 'No, that's not really typical for me.' ... I was very happy." **CANADIAN PRESS**

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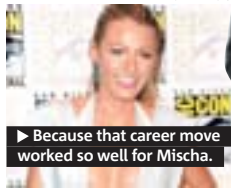
► Alanis Morissette

Blake wants out of Gossip loop

Though the show has made her a star, Blake Lively is looking for a way out of *Gossip Girl* because of all the in-fighting among

the young cast, according to *Heat* magazine. "Blake has asked producers to kill off her character. She's tired of working on the

show," a source says. Lively has reportedly even gone so far as to suggest dramatic ways her character could die. ● METRO WORLD NEWS



► Because that career move worked so well for Mischa.

Two brand new Mulroneys join the planet

Ben and Jessica Mulroney have welcomed twin boys. Brian Gerald Alexander and John Benedict Dimitri were born Thursday morning, according to a news release from CTV. "Both boys are healthy and beautiful," the 34-year-old Mulroney said. "Jessica is radiant and in great health and spirits. I am the happiest man alive." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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► Solving the problem of dry burgers ► A hands-off approach helps keep the meat fluffy

Ingredients :

- 250 g (1/2 lb) ground prime rib
- 500 g (1 lb) ground brisket
- 500 g (1 lb) ground skirt steak
- 250 g (1/2 lb) ground filet
- 8 hamburger buns
- Kosher salt and pepper
- 1 large red onion, sliced into 5-mm (1/4-inch) rings
- 250 ml (1 cup) lemon aioli
- 250 g (1/2 lb) brie, cut into thin slices

8 portions
Start to Finish:
20 min.



► The Wayfare Tavern Burger includes four different cuts of meat in the patty.

When Tyler Florence was creating hamburgers for his new restaurant, his goal was simple — a burger that stays moist no matter how well-done it is cooked.

The solution was all a matter of numbers — one month of experimenting with the percentage of fat and the number of cuts of meat.

"Most people do an 80-20 lean-to-fat ratio," Florence, whose Wayfare Tavern opened recently in San Francisco, said in a telephone interview.

"We go 75-to-25 ratio, so it's a little fattier. So even if you like it well done, it's still nice and moist."

For the cuts of meat, Florence settled on four of them — prime rib, brisket, skirt steak and filet. And after they are ground (at another facility), it's mostly a hands-off

procedure.

"When it comes in, no one is really allowed to touch it except to take it out of the package and weigh it out," said Florence, host of Food Network's The Great Food Truck Race. "It gets touched once before it goes on the grill. It loses that fluffiness once you work it too much. It starts to become chewy really quickly."

Florence was equally exacting when it came to

toppings.

"You can't just put stuff on top of the burger for the sake of it," he said. "To me, it's got to be very purposeful stuff. You have to really think it through so it's a complimentary flavour and not a distraction from the burger."

For the AP's 20 Burgers of Summer series, Florence opted for an intensely savoury and creamy combination of oven-roasted red onions, lemon aioli and brie.

Preparation:

- 1 In a large bowl, mix prime rib, brisket, skirt steak and filet together until well blended, but not overworked.
- 2 Divide meat into 8 portions and shape into patties. Season with salt and pepper.
- 3 Heat oven to 200 C (400 F). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- 4 Arrange onion slices in a single layer on prepared pan. Roast onion slices for 10 to 12 minutes or until tender. Set aside.
- 5 Heat grill on high. Grill burgers to desired doneness, about 4 minutes on each side for medium-rare.
- 6 Top bottom half of each roll with a burger, some of the red onions, aioli and brie.

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The pulp has been made into a honey-like jam with a gritty texture and lemony taste.

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Celeb chefs put out a variety of cookbooks

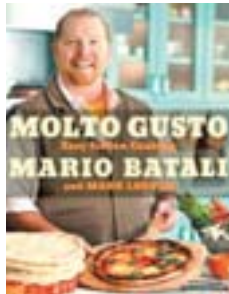
As much as Americans love their food, they seem to enjoy it best with a dash of celebrity.

Luckily, the celebrity food world loves to keep people well fed. There is a stack of new books by big names to keep you sated through fall.

Super chef Mario Batali's *Molto Gusto* offers up perfect suppers and ideas for casual entertaining. Fava beans straight from the farmers market pair with zesty lemon and ricotta, and cherry tomatoes meet creme fraiche in elegant antipasti, most of which can be made well ahead of time.

You know eating local has gone mainstream when Emeril Lagasse is leaning on a garden tool. In *Farm to Fork: Cooking Local, Cooking Fresh*, the king of "BAM!" sniffs herbs and carresses tomatoes. Recipes for corn fritters and escarole soup with crushed red pepper promise good eating. Meanwhile, pumpkin pie gets extra mystique from a dash of cardamom. But despite the book's handwriting font and a few enticing dishes — lemon-crusted halibut? Yum! — nothing really screams fresh-from-the-farm.

In Sara Moulton's *Everyday Family Dinners* the executive chef of the former *Gourmet* magazine offers tempting dishes such as eggs and creamed spinach in phyllo cups, tandoori



chicken wings, and appetizers like chorizo-stuffed mushrooms and pan-crusted scallops. A lovely collection of recipes, but very few that you're likely to tackle on a weekday.

But Tex-Mex tuna casserole? That could happen on any given Wednesday. The salsa-and-cilantro-spiked staple joins other simple, out-of-the-box ideas in *Cat Cora's Classics with a Twist*. The first and only female Iron Chef America puts a fresh spin on old favourites while keeping things simple.

And then there are burgers. In *"The Good Stuff Cookbook," "Top Chef"* veteran Spike Mendelsohn reveals the secrets of his Washington eatery, where Capitol Hill staffers line up well before noon to score his farmhouse burgers made with local beef, rosemary-sprinkled fries and toasted marshmallow milkshakes.

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Japan showing off its whiskies

▶ Asian nation has a more than a century of brewing tradition ▶ Industry put in the spotlight thanks to Bill Murray's role in *Lost in Translation*

It wasn't too long ago that Owen Westman's customers at Rickhouse Bar didn't even know there were Japanese whiskies available, let alone ask for them by name.

"They certainly do now," he says.

Although best known for sake, Japan has a whisky tradition stretching back more than a century. It's not widely available in North America, but that's changing as companies like major producer Suntory work to boost overseas sales.

And maybe Bill Murray had something to do with it. His character in the 2003 movie *Lost in Translation* goes to Japan to shoot a whisky commercial.

Suntory exports a number of products, including Yamazaki single malt whiskies and Hibiki, a blend. Like Scotch, the Japanese product is spelled without the extra "e." In fact, the origins of the Japanese whisky industry have ties to Scotland. Suntory founder Shinjiro Torii hired Masataka Taketsuru, who studied distilling in Scotland. Taketsuru went



▶ From left: Hibiki 12-year-old, Yamazaki 18- and 12-year-old Japanese whiskies.

on to found Nikka, also a major producer.

Despite that history, Suntory whisky is "not Scotch made in Japan," points out Eric Ariyoshi, a Suntory brand manager based in San Francisco.

One of Torii's goals was "to really create a Japanese whisky that catered to a more subtle palate," says Ariyoshi. "If you think about Japanese food it tends to be on the lighter side, very subtle flavours. One of his specific goals was to create a whisky that fits into that palate."

But with interest in spirits rising, there's more attention being paid to all types of whiskies, says council spokesman Frank Coleman.

"There clearly has been a whisky revival over the last decade and consumer interest is at an all-time high," he said. "You have the explosion in the number of small craft distillers getting into the whisky game. Consumers have become more and more interested in trying these new and different products and there's no doubt some very good whiskies being made in Japan."

Barrel aging is key to how a whisky tastes and Suntory uses three kinds, American and Spanish oak as well as Japanese mizunara oak. American white oak contributes a dry flavour with hints of vanilla, the Spanish oak has flavours of raisins, choco-

Overseas sales

▶ Overall, Japanese whisky is a fraction of total U.S. sales. Suntory launched the Hibiki brand in Europe and the U.S. last year with sales of 6,000 cases. This year, they hope to sell 8,000 cases of Hibiki overseas and 31,000 cases of Yamazaki. To put that into perspective, 2009 total whiskey sales in the United States amounted to 46.5 million cases, according to the U.S. Distilled Spirits Council.

late and caramel and the mizunara gives subtle sweetness and spiciness, reminiscent of incense.

The Hibiki is a blend of more than 30 individual whiskies, with the final blend topped off with a whisky aged more than 30 years. Elegant and smooth, Hibiki uses old plum liqueur casks for aging some components and a bamboo charcoal filter that "just mellows out the flavour. Gives it a very sweet and gentle flavour," Ariyoshi says.

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Rainmen submit protected list

The Halifax Rainmen made sure to shield their best assets when they submitted their five-man protected list to the Premier Basketball League earlier this month.

The Rainmen, who were able to retain exclusive negotiating rights to as many as five players, designated all-stars and starters Gary Ervin, Eric Crookshank, Tony Bennett, and Desmond Ferguson, as well as point guard

Adris DeLeon, who left the team halfway through last season to train with the Dominican Republic national team.

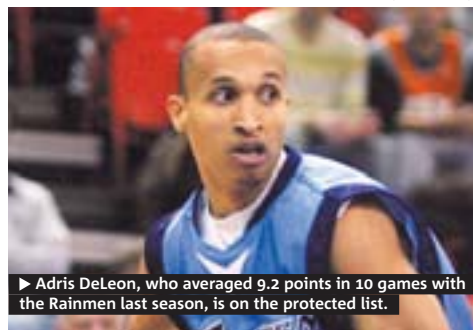
"These are guys we'd like to have back," Rainmen owner Andre Livingston said.

While it's no shock the Rainmen protected their four all-stars, DeLeon's name was somewhat of a surprise. The six-foot speedster averaged 9.2 points in 10 games as a

backup with the Rainmen and showed flashes of brilliance.

He was called the "face of New York City streetball" by the New York Post earlier this month and is turning heads this summer on the Dyckman courts in Manhattan.

"He's getting better, he looks stronger, and playing with his national team gave him a lot of confidence," Livingston said. ● MATTHEW WUEST



► Adris DeLeon, who averaged 9.2 points in 10 games with the Rainmen last season, is on the protected list.

Frk dispute sure to last another week

► Hockey Canada has until Aug. 18 to file response to Czech club team's claim on Mooseheads prospect



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The International Ice Hockey Federation is not expected to issue a ruling on the Martin Frk situation until Aug. 18 or later.

IIHF spokesman Szymon Szeberg told Metro on Thursday the Czech Hockey Federation — on behalf of HC Karlovy Vary — has filed a document claiming Frk has a valid and binding contract with the Extraliga club.

That contract would prevent the 16-year-old left-winger from joining the Mooseheads, who drafted him third overall in June's Canadian Hockey League import draft.

Hockey Canada has until Aug. 18 to file a response, at which point the

IIHF will investigate.

"The IIHF's legal department will look into both letters and make a decision whether the player is under a valid and binding contract," Szeberg said. "If this is the case, the Czech federation will have the right not to sign the International Transfer Card which will consequently mean the ITC and the transfer will not be approved."

One agent told Metro if the Czech Hockey Federation can prove Frk has a valid contract, the Mooseheads' "only option is to buy his release," and that could be costly.

For more on this story, visit:
www.metronews.ca/qfiles.



► Martin Frk will have to wait until after Aug. 18 to find out whether the IIHF will let him play for the Halifax Mooseheads.

NSSL playoffs on tap

Halifax Dunbrack will begin its defence of the women's Nova Scotia Soccer League Premiership title on Saturday at Mainland Common.

Dunbrack, the top seed after going 9-2-1 this summer, faces fourth-seeded Valley in Saturday's 2 p.m. semifinals. Dartmouth faces Cape Breton in the other semifinal at 4 p.m.

On the men's side, top-

15 Number of goals scored by Suburban's Mesut Mert, which led the NSSL Premiership on the men's side.

seeded Suburban faces Cape Breton in one semifinal on Saturday at 6 p.m. while Dunbrack faces Dartmouth in the other semifinal at 8 p.m.

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Schedule

Following Saturday's semifinals, Sunday's schedule is as follows:

► **Bronze-medal games**
Women, 3 p.m.
Men, 5 p.m.

► **Finals**
Women, 6 p.m.
Men, 8:30 p.m.

Sports in brief

Nova Scotia Open nears end

TENNIS. Two former champions will meet in the men's open singles final at the Bell and Grant Nova Scotia Open tennis tournament at the Waegwoltic Club in Halifax on Saturday. Top-seeded Adam Becker, the 2008 champion, defeated Ge-

off Learmonth 6-4, 6-3 in Thursday's semifinals, while second-seeded Phil Anderson, the 2005 winner, got past Travis McDonough 6-7, 6-3, 6-3.

AUS football coming to TV

FOOTBALL. EastLink has announced it will televise 10 Atlantic University Sport football games this season starting on Sept. 11.

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► Roger Federer returns a shot to Michael Llodra on Thursday.

Federer wins an old-school showdown

► Third seed prevails in creative contest with Llodra
► Djokovic and Nadal also advance to next round

Michael Llodra tried every trick in the book in his third-round match with Roger Federer at the Rogers Cup.

Federer drop shots. A between-the-legs volley. He even tried an underhand serve.

Federer was ready for almost all of it on the sun-baked hardcourt at the Rexall Centre, and advanced to the quarter-finals with a 7-6 (2), 6-3 victory on Thursday. Top-seeded Rafael Nadal of Spain, second-seeded Novak Djokovic of Serbia and fourth-seeded Andy Mur-

Upsets

- Fifth-seeded Robin Soderling of Sweden dropped a 4-6, 6-4, 6-1 decision to Argentina's David Nalbandian.
- Jeremy Chardy of France knocked off sixth-seeded Russian Nikolay Davydenko 6-3, 6-2.

ray of Britain also posted victories to move on to the final eight.

The Federer-Llodra match was a return to old-school tennis, with both players showing creativity

and aggressiveness instead of the more common baseline power game used by many at the sport's top level.

The crowd ate it up and the players enjoyed it too. Llodra even picked up a souvenir after shaking hands with the two-time champion, asking Federer for his pink tennis shirt.

The top two seeds posted straight-set victories as Djokovic downed Victor Hanesu of Romania 6-3, 6-4 while Nadal beat South African qualifier Kevin Anderson 6-2, 7-6 (6).

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STADIUM CONTROVERSY

Hamilton digs in on build site

Hamilton city council has reaffirmed the downtown West Harbour site as the location for a new stadium, but two councillors have pulled their support for the project.

Thursday's ratification vote was 10-6 in favour of the West Harbour location over the East Mountain. Tuesday's

count at the committee level was 12-3.

Councillors Terry Whitehead and Tom Jackson changed their votes Thursday and Brad Clark, who didn't attend Tuesday's session, also voted no.

The stadium is slated to play host to the Pan American Games in August 2015 and was to become the new home of the CFL's Hamilton Tiger-Cats. But Ticats owner Bob Young wanted the new building at the East Mountain site and pulled his support for the project earlier this week.

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Warner to call indoor title game

Kurt Warner is returning to his Arena Football League roots.

The recently retired NFL quarterback will call the Arena Bowl for the NFL Network on Aug. 20.

Before he was a two-time NFL MVP, Warner was an AFL star. He led Iowa to Arena Bowl appearances in 1996 and 1997 — then later played in three Super Bowls.

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Jays steal one

► Fred Lewis' walk-off heroics salvage series with Sox



The plane ride to California, had they lost again to the Boston Red Sox, would have been dreadful.

That's why Thursday afternoon's ninth-inning comeback from a 5-2 deficit in a 6-5 victory was particularly uplifting. It's games like this, especially once closer Jonathan Papelbon had come in to shut the door, that usually haven't ended well for them.

With another series looming against the Red Sox at Fenway Park next week, the Blue Jays will now actually have something good to work off of when they clash again.

"We couldn't get on the plane with a loss," said Fred Lewis, whose sacrifice fly in the bottom of the ninth brought home Aaron Hill with the winning run.

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► Fred Lewis celebrates with Travis Snider after driving in the winning run on Thursday.

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Across

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6 "Caught ya!"
9 — o'-shanter
12 Beginning
13 Sister
14 In vitro cells
15 One showing
promise
16 First book
18 Pizza topping, at times
20 Nitty-gritty
21 Insult (SL.)
23 Crony
24 Admits customers
25 Domingo offering
27 Tag
29 Fight
31 O. Henry-esque
35 Mythical lecher
37 Bigfoot's cousin
38 West Pointer
41 Mag. staffers
43 Chic, in the '60s
44 Mine entrance
45 Costume ball
47 Car's framework
49 Big name at Indy
52 Anderson's "High —"
53 Performance
54 — a dozen
55 Gelid
56 Petrol
57 — Buddies"

Down

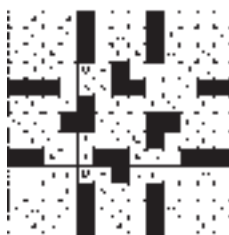
1 Elmer, to Bugs
2 Yoko of music
3 Effortless assimilation
4 Film holder
5 Denude
6 Bassett or Lansbury
7 Colors
8 Raggedy one?
9 — a fine lady up-on a white horse"



10 Re 28-Down
11 Spars
17 Use
19 Parking lot attendant
21 Lah-di —
22 401(k) alternative
24 " — the ramparts ..."
26 Not liabilities
28 Hitchcock menacers
30 Long. crosser
32 Foe
33 "Who am — judge?"

34 Literary Spanish hero
36 Fermentation fungi
38 They often break
Wile E. Coyote's falls
39 For this purpose
40 Blog, so to speak
42 Small pigeon
45 Isinglass
46 Wreck
48 Succumb to gravity
50 Comic Philips
51 Sleep phenom

► Yesterday's answer



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► Yesterday's answer



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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 19

Steer clear of contentious issues today, especially those involving politics or religion. You may have strong views on certain subjects, but so do other people. You won't persuade them. Keep your distance.

♉ Taurus April 20-May 21

You are being far too serious about something that's really of no importance at all. Take your mind off the issue by seeking out people who make you feel good, who make you laugh.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21

You may be of the opinion that someone you work or do business with is trying to undermine your efforts, but in fact they are trying to help you. Listen and learn.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22

No matter how annoying certain individuals may be you must not allow yourself to be provoked. You may be angry on the inside, but on the outside you should project a picture of calm serenity.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23

A sudden attraction is likely today, but you are really too different for the relationship, such as it is, to stand the test of time. Treat it as a bit of fun.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22

You need to do a bit of serious thinking about a partnership or association that has been quite profitable in the past, but seems to be running out of steam. In a nutshell: It's holding you back.

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♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

You would be wise to take things slow and easy today, because what happens over the weekend will demand your full attention and every last bit of energy you can muster.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Something you hear while on the move today will inspire you to aim higher and try harder and before the day is over your mind will be teeming with plans for the rest of the year.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Life has been so kind to you of late that some people, both at home and at work, are feeling a bit resentful. If they had your positive attitude maybe they would get lucky, too.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

You are right to feel pleased with what you have accomplished in recent weeks, but you know what they say about pride coming before a fall. Times may be good, but take nothing for granted.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Stop worrying about what has gone wrong and start thinking about all the wonderful things that are going to go right today, tomorrow and every day of your life from now on.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

Usually you are only too eager to come to the aid of someone in need, but today you just want to be left alone. Find a quiet place where you can be alone. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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